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In re application of:

Jonathan A. Ellman, *et al.*

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NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDERS
USING ASPARTYL PROTEASE
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2002. A petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before October 23, 2002. In addition, Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Declaration of Dr. Xiaoning Bi, Ph.D., pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.132. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification in the following manner: